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SUBJ: NY TIMES ARTICLE ON GULF SECURITY DISCUSSIONS  
  
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1. WE ARE SKEPTICAL OF JUNE 18 FLORA LEWIS ARTICLE IN NEW YORK TIMES. FROM WHAT WE KNOW IN UAE, FORMAL GULF SECURITY ARRANGEMENT IS NOT IN CARDS. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN UAE AND SAUDI MINISTERS OF INTERIOR ON OIL FIELD PROTECTION AND CONTROL OF ALIENS, THIS IS WITHIN CONTEXT OF COMMON CONCERN THAT ACT OF TERRORISM COULD HAVE SERIOUS ADVERSE EFFECT ON VULNERABLE OIL INSTALLATIONS OR ON POLITICAL RELATIONS IF INDIVIDUALS WERE TARGETS. FOCUS OF SUCH TALKS HAS BEEN ON COOPERATION IN TRAINING, SHARING OF EXPERTISE, AND EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE RATHER THAN ON  
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OPERATIONAL CONTINGENCIES.

2. IT SO HAPPENS THAT DURING MY LAST MEETING WITH UAE FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI ON JUNE 13, AMONG SUBJECTS THAT I RAISED WAS WHETHER THERE WAS ANYTHING NEW ON GULF SECURITY PACT. THE QUESTION FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR DISCUSSION REGARDING POLITICAL TENSIONS IN UAE (ABU DHABI 1689) AND SUWAIDI TOOK THE

QUESTION TO MEAN WHETHER RECENT EVENTS IN UAE MIGHT HAVE ENCOURAGED IRAN OR SAUDI ARABIA TO CONSIDER A SECURITY PACT TO PREVENT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN UAE AFFAIRS. SUWAIDI'S REPLY WAS THAT SO FAR AS HE KNEW, THERE WAS NOTHING NEW REGARDING A GULF SECURITY PACT AND THE SUBJECT HAD NOT EVEN RECENTLY BEEN MENTIONED BY THE SAUDIS OR THE IRANIANS.

3. COMMENT: GIVEN LONG-STANDING DILEMMA OF GULF STATES OVER HOW TO DEVISE A SECURITY ARRANGEMENT THAT WOULD SATISFY CONFLICTING OBJECTIVES OF BOTH IRANIANS AND IRAQIS, WE DOUBT THAT ANY SUCH AGREEMENT IS IN THE OFFING.  
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